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C. G. N. TO RESUME OPERATION WITH U. S. ASSISTANCE

State Commissioner Will Recommend Appropriation for Railroad

OAKRIDGE AND DAISY WANT TRAIN OPERATED

Tell State Officer of Damage Suffered by Discontinuance of C. G. N. Service

An appropriation will be asked of the United States Government for the Cape Girardeau Northern Railroad for the restoration of service on that road between Jackson and Perryville and the request will be submitted with the recommendation of the Public Service Commission. This was the result of the public hearing held yesterday by Commissioner E. J. Bean of the State Public Service Commission at the courthouse, where a number of business men and farmers of the northwestern section of the county testified as to the necessity of the re-establishment of the railroad service on the Cape Girardeau Northern Railroad.

The amount of the appropriation will be governed by the cost of repairs needed in order to put that branch of the railroad in safe condition. According to the estimate of C. B. Bee, chief rate expert of the Public Service Commission, who attended the hearing, it will require at least \$7,500 to put the Jackson-Perryville line in such a condition that a train can safely travel over the road. Commissioner Bean assured Major Gibson Honeck, who represented the railroad at the hearing that he would recommend to Director General McAdoo the appropriation of such a sum, as would be needed to make the most necessary repairs on that section of the railroad.

A number of business men and farmers of Oak Ridge and Daisy testified at the hearing. Their testimony showed that the re-opening of the line was necessary in order to offer the farmers and cattlemen of that section of the county a way to market for their products. Timber, cattle, flour and grain, the testimony showed, was shipped in great loads from that part of the county.

T. B. Crites, a live stock dealer of Daisy testified that he suffered heavy losses since the trains on the Jackson-Perryville branch had been discontinued last July. Owing to the lack of railroad facilities, he said, he was compelled to drive his stock for miles, before he could reach a shipping point. Several other men, he said, lost several hundred dollars of stock which he had shipped to Daisy to Jackson, the nearest shipping station. It required two days to get the stock to the shipping point. Besides the loss of the live stock, he was injured by the loss of weight of the other animals. He estimated his annual shipments of cattle at 100 car loads.

M. L. Morton, who was station agent at Daisy until the service was discontinued, testified as to the number of carloads of freight shipped to and from Daisy during the year. He asserted that the incoming freight did not exceed 40 carloads a year.

Others who were heard by the commissioner were H. O. Williams, J. W. Kinder, G. E. Statler, all of Oak Ridge. They are merchants, who depended solely upon the shipping service of the Cape Girardeau Northern to get their stock for their stores. Only a few trains had been operated since the service was cut off, and they were compelled to pay \$20 for a car from Jackson to any point on the road. Automobile trucks, running between the various towns of the northwestern section of the county they said offered inadequate service, because their operation was governed by the weather conditions.

Bee told of the inspection trip he had made over the various branches of the Cape Girardeau Northern during the last week, and said in his opinion it would require at least \$7,500 as an initial expenditure to re-vamp the Jackson-Perryville line and an additional sum of about \$20,000 to put the road in fair condition.

The Ansell-Jackson branch, he said, was in fair condition and the freight facilities were as good as they

DUTCH PORTS TO BE BLOCKADED FOR SHIP SEIZURE

U. S. Commanders Vessels of 250,000 Tons for Food Shipments

4 ON U. S. DESTROYER KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Two Missourians Injured on lost Boat—Commander Also Among Dead.

BERLIN, March 21.—A blockade of all Dutch seaports will be the result of the seizure by the United States of the Dutch ships in American ports, it was predicted here today. The government of the Netherlands, it was said, will be forced to bear the consequences of consenting to the action of the allies and the United States.

According to advices from The Hague, Premier Louden of the Netherlands is not in accord with the action of the United States and is quoted as having said that the policy of the United States was "all but benevolent."

NEW YORK, March 21.—All Dutch shipping in the port of New York was seized today.

Forty-two steamships owned by Holland are in the port of New York according to customs officials. The largest vessel seized here today registered 12,521 gross tons. The gross tonnage of the Dutch vessels in the vicinity of New York was estimated by one official today as 250,000 tons.

LONDON, March 21.—The Admiralty reports the loss by mine or submarine of seventeen British merchantmen last week. Of these eleven were of 1,600 tons or more and six under that tonnage.

Two fishing vessels were lost. Eleven merchantmen were unsuccessfully attacked.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Explosion of a depth charge aboard the American destroyer Manley when the vessel collided with a British warship in European waters, March 19 killed the American commander and three enlisted men and wounded 11 others. Both ships were damaged.

In announcing the accident today, the Navy Department gave no further details and withheld the location.

Lieutenant Commander Richard McCall Elliott Jr. was killed.

Clarence F. Dechenne of Joplin and A. W. Cecil of St. Louis were the Missourians on the vessel reported seriously injured.

ROME, March 21.—Italian troops penetrated the enemy positions along the Sile sector today inflicting casualties and capturing prisoners and war materials the War Office reported.

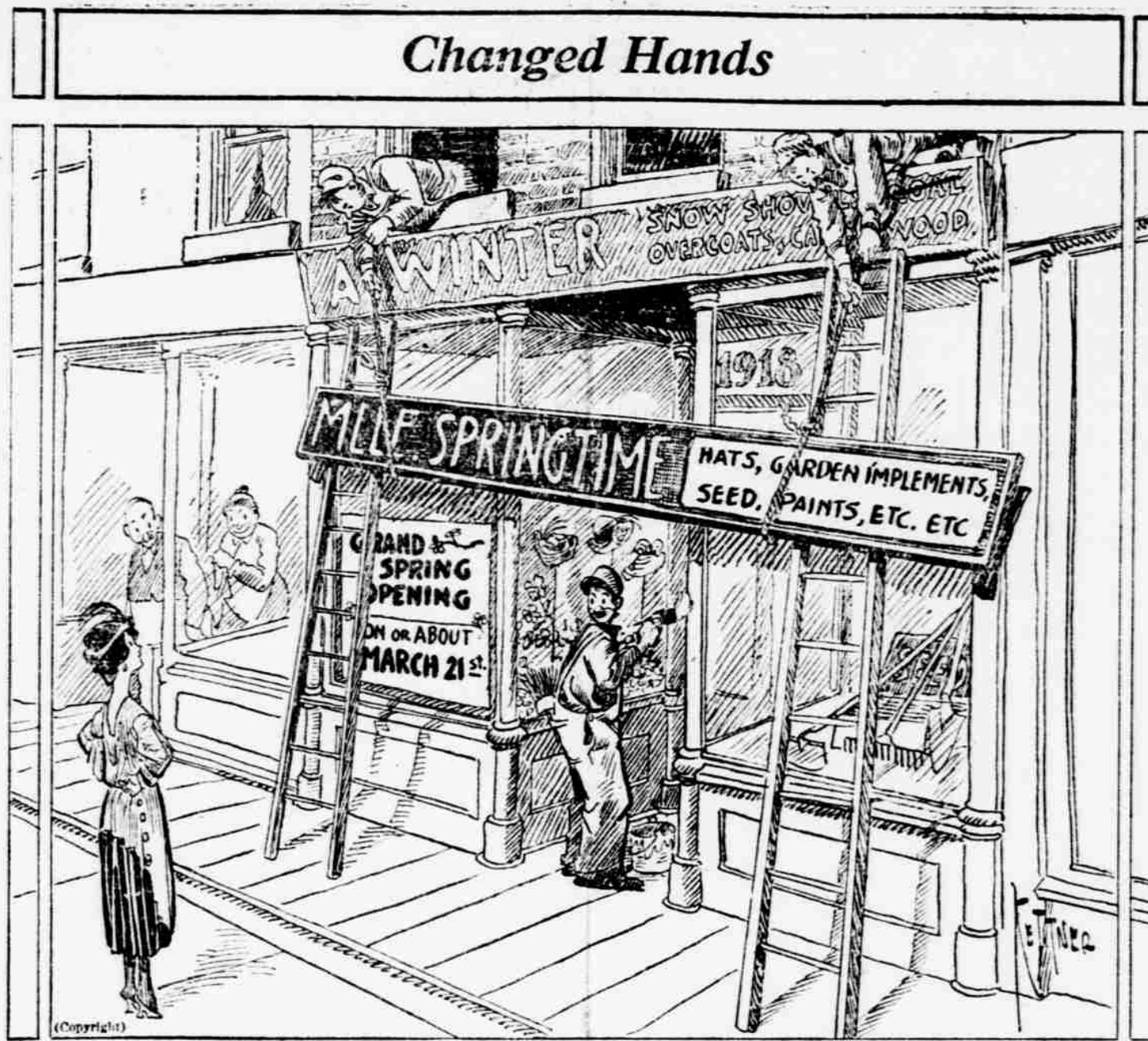
BETTER WATER MUST BE SUPPLIED IN CITY

State Commissioner Gets Complaint From City Officials on Bad Water.

A complaint against the Missouri Public Utilities Co. for supplying the city with unsanitary water yesterday afternoon caused State Public Service Commissioner Bean to call on the local officials of the company to determine the cause of the present condition of the water. City Counselor Knehaas appealed to the commissioner at the suggestion of Mayor Hirsch in an effort to have the company supply better water.

Commissioner Bean said he had never been offered such water for drinking purposes as he had seen in this city. He expressed surprise when he was told by the city counselor that the condition of the water had even been worse several days last week. He called at the office of the water company and asked that this condition be remedied immediately.

A. A. Hart, general manager of the Missouri Public Utilities Co. said he could not explain the condition of the water in the city. He said it left the water plant in as clear a condition as water was ever seen. He believed it was due to mud in the pipes and said he believed the sediment in the pipes had been washed loose by the heavy flushing of the pipes by the firemen, when they tested the fireplugs.



FEDERAL JURORS DRAWN FOR APRIL CAPE COUNTY MUST FURNISH 9 MARCH 29 LIBRARY APPEALS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Three Men From Cape County on Grand Jury List—Heavy Criminal Docket.

Three men of Cape Girardeau County are on the list of those from whom the federal grand jury for the April term beginning April 8, will be selected, and four men on the list of petit jurors for the same term. The Cape Girardeau County men on the grand jury list are Harry L. Albert of this city, Charles Penny of Oak Ridge and Sherhan Haupt of Jackson. The four men on the petit jury list are: C. V. Ransom and C. E. Kage of this city, W. C. Cracraft of Jackson and F. E. McDonald, who lives in the country.

The remaining forty six prospective jurors were drawn from Shannon, Stoddard, Scott, Mississippi, Perry, Bollinger, Madison, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Dunklin, Reynolds, Wayne, Butler and Ripley County.

The criminal docket of the April term of the federal court is much heavier than usual due to the numerous arrests on charges of draft evasion and violation of the espionage act. A special prosecutor has been employed by the government to handle these cases. Nearly 30 have been arrested in Southeast Missouri on charges of violating these two federal acts. Some were released on bonds while 18 are held in the city jail awaiting their trial.

The following were drawn for the grand jury services for the coming term:

D. M. Brown, Shannon county.
J. R. Carnahan, Wayne county.
George Crain, Stoddard county.
Louis Weber, Perry county.
M. N. Gibson, Pemiscot county.
L. L. Smith, Ripley county.
George O. Smith, Madison county.
Henry Deal, Butler county.
R. C. Davis, Mississippi county.
O. O. O'Dell, Reynolds county.
W. H. Stubbfield, Scott county.
John Clark, Carter county.
Sam J. McMinn, Bollinger county.
H. G. Napper, Dunklin county.
R. A. McCord, New Madrid county.
H. D. Rodgers, Scott county.
John W. Bell, Mississippi county.
C. W. Tetwiller, Butler county.
A. F. Moore, New Madrid county.
Charles Dorroh, Pemiscot county.

The petit jurors are:

L. A. Tickell, Jr., New Madrid county.
A. M. Allen, Dunklin county.
M. S. Harris, Bollinger county.
L. M. Bowman, Carter county.
R. Joyce, Scott county.
F. M. Foley, Mississippi county.
George Knoll, Butler county.
M. L. Copeland, Reynolds county.
Thomas A. Phillips, Perry county.
R. T. Coppage, Pemiscot county.
E. C. White, Ripley county.
C. J. Belken, Madison county.
C. W. Chilton, Wayne county.
Jesse Jones, Shannon county.
Albert H. Carter, Stoddard county.

Cape County's Quota of Special Call Issued by U. S. War Department.

Nine draft men of Cape Girardeau County have been ordered to leave for the training camp about March 29, the members of the local board announced yesterday upon receiving notice from the adjutant general that this was the apportionment of the county on the special call announced by the War Department. The day of the men's departure will be fixed later by the local board.

The nine men are: Edward Wilhite, Alfred Schrader, Clyde H. Brumback, Joseph Meyer, Guy E. Anderson, Elmer J. Probst, Ollie Jacobs, Alvin Kiehne and Cephas Estes.

This number of men is Cape Girardeau County's quota of the 1,170 Missouri must furnish for the special draft call. This call was made in order to fill the missing number of men of the first draft call and also supply some for the second draft call. Over 95,000 men of all States, exclusive of Minnesota and Iowa have been ordered to the training camps on this special call.

SOLDIER RETURNS FROM ARMY TRAINING CAMP

William Mantz Released From Military Service—Not Physically Fit.

William Mantz, of near Millerville, who was recently sent to Fort Riley has returned from the training camp having been rejected because of physical disability. The young man arrived home yesterday having received his discharge from the army.

Mantz was among the 18 young men who were sent to Fort Riley 2 months ago. This contingent was the only one ordered to Fort Riley while the others from Cape Co. were all sent to Camp Funston.

SENATE PASSES BILL FIXING 1918 WHEAT PRICE AT \$2.50

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The agricultural appropriation bill, with the Gore amendment increasing the 1918 Government guaranteed wheat price to \$2.50, was passed late today by the Senate.

It now goes to conference between the two houses, where there will be another fight over the wheat price.

John F. Sites, Bollinger county.
John F. Jordan, Butler county.
John A. Cunningham, Pemiscot county.
William Warrack, Wayne county.
E. S. Workman, New Madrid county.
Charles M. Wiley, Scott county.
Walter White, Stoddard county.
I. H. Dunaway, Scott county.
James L. Byard, Mississippi county.
F. F. Fish, Perry county.
J. E. Rice, Dunklin county.

Letters Sent to Citizens Asking to Join Library Association This Year.

A general appeal has been made to the residents of this city to contribute to the maintenance of the Public Library, and yesterday letters were sent out by the board of the institution asking for voluntary contributions. At least \$1,200 must be raised for the library to defray the expenses of the library and if the appeal to the people does not realize that amount, the members of the board declare, a personal canvass will be made through out the city.

The plan is to establish a library association with three classes of members, who will be classified in accordance with the amount of their contribution. Patrons at \$10 or more annually, contributing members at \$5 and associate members at \$1 a year will constitute the three classes of members of the association.

At a recent meeting of the Library Board, in which four new members were elected, past work was reviewed leading to the conclusion that the residents of the city had realized that the library had become an educational necessity, and for that reason the members of the library board looked ahead with much more confidence.

SHITEPOKE PECKS AT CAPE BANKERS

Bird Captured by Young Kuss is Placed on Exhibition in Haairg.

Henry Kuss, the well-known farmer living on the Bloomfield road, presented the Farmers and Merchants bank with a "Shitepoke" two days ago. The big bird resented the attention it received at the bank and pecked at a number of persons who called to wish it welcome.

Mr. Kuss' small son was out in the woods a few days ago, when he discovered the bird, sitting on a log over a creek, looking for fish. The lad threw a club at the bird and hit it on the back. The blow stunned it temporarily and young Kuss caught the bird before it could recover and fly away.

The "Shitepoke" is sometimes called a water rail. It is about as large as a small chicken hen, has long legs and a beak that resembles a spear. It tried to spear everyone who came within reach of its bayonet. The bank has decided to turn the bird loose, because it refuses to become civilized.

COMMISSIONER HEARS WHY CAPE WANTS STATION

Business Men Tell of Unsanitary Conditions at Present Depot.

STATION CONGESTED BY HEAVY TRAFFIC

McAdoo To Get Copy of Testimony—Frisco Asks to Delay Erection of Depot.

Business and professional men appeared before State Public Service Commissioner Bean yesterday afternoon to testify in the hearing, in which the official gathered evidence to determine whether the Frisco passenger station should be built at this time or whether the construction of the building be postponed till the war has been settled. The general opinion as expressed in the testimony of the witnesses was that the present building was inadequate and that a new building was most necessary at this time. Several witnesses emphasized that the sanitary conditions around the present station not considering the congestion of traffic at all, warranted the immediate building of the station.

Commissioner Bean made no decision, but asked that the railroad present its counter-evidence within five days. Several railroad officials were present at the hearing, but none was heard as a witness. The questions asked of the witnesses for the city by N. A. Mozley, attorney for the Frisco, left the inference that the Frisco would plead that the erection of the local passenger station should be postponed until the war was over, and that the freight cars, which might be needed for the hauling of the building material, were demanded at the present for government shipments.

Miss Hen, the local school nurse described the condition in which she found the washroom for women. The absence of washbasins and other sanitary supplies made the washroom more objectionable than the general condition of the floor.

Mayor Hirsch, Councilman Arthur Bowman, W. H. Bohnsack, Judge B. F. Davis, Louis Wittmor, Ed Regenhart, Prof. W. W. Martin and Sam Sherman were the witnesses in behalf of the city as to the necessity of immediate erection of the passenger depot. All agreed that the present conditions were such that the station was wholly inadequate to accommodate the heavy passenger traffic on the Frisco.

Prof. Martin told of the undesirable congestion at the station, due to the coming and leaving of the students of the Normal. Of the confusion and jam during the conventions in this city, which were attended by hundreds of people from Southeast Missouri. During these days, he said, the platform was crowded to such an extent that it was difficult for the passengers to move about. The heavy baggage added to the congestion. He also pointed to the danger arising from the fact that the passengers had to walk around the train for a distance of 150 feet before they could reach any conveyance to take them to the city.

Judge Davis, Bohnsack and Sherman testified as to the sanitary conditions in the stations in the station building. Sherman asserted he could not enter the washrooms without a gas mask. This prompted Attorney Mozley to ask the question whether he had entered a perfumed washroom in any railroad station.

A plat of the building was shown by Ed Regenhart for the purpose of offsetting the argument of the railroad that the present building could be extended. Regenhart was of the opinion that the tracks would not permit such an extension, as the station was wedged in between the main line and the branch lines running to the lower counties.

It was also shown that the increasing passenger traffic demanded a larger building. Cape Girardeau, it was brought out by the witnesses, was the terminus of several branch lines, and as a result many from the lower counties were compelled to remain at the station to make connections either with the incoming or the outgoing trains.

GERMANS ON OFFENSIVE IN FIERCE DRIVE

Pierce British Lines at Several Points in West

FOUR GERMAN SHIPS SUNK IN SEA BATTLE

American Soldiers Victorious in Hand to Hand Fight With Germans.

LONDON, March 21.—What is believed to be the fiercest battle since the beginning of the war is now raging along the western front following the vicious offensive opened this morning by the German troops. The British were taken by surprise and in several sectors their lines were pierced by the heavy onslaught of the enemy. The roaring of the cannons on both sides is audible in Dover, 80 miles from the scene of the fighting.

The Germans began their drive at 5 o'clock this morning. Aided by a dense smoke barrage, the Germans pushed their lines forward. The right flank of the British positions appeared the objective of the enemy and at several points the British troops were forced to retreat.

The attack was opened at once a short distance below the Scarpe River east to La Fere in the Messines region and along the lines between Fleubaux and Armentieres. The sky was overcast and observation from the aeroplanes was difficult. The British soldiers fought courageously and where necessary retreated in order.

Later it was reported the Germans were advancing on St. Quentin Ridge, on the edge of the Cambrai salient and also through the Cambrai wood, in the same sector and through the brickfields near Croisille-Sur-Villers.

LONDON, March 21.—Two enemy destroyers and two torpedo boats are believed to have been sunk in action off Dunkirk, the British admiralty announced today.

The German warships were bombarding Dunkirk this morning when they were attacked by French and British naval forces.

No allied vessels were sunk, though a British destroyer was damaged. It was brought safely into harbor.

Two British and three French destroyers participated in the engagement.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 20.—American troops in the Lunenburg region successfully raided enemy trenches late Tuesday after pulverizing the German defenses in an artillery preparation which shook buildings for miles in the rear.

LONDON, March 21.—Three additional towns in Palestine have been captured by the British it was announced today. A counter-attack by the Turkish forces was repulsed.

COUNCIL DID NOT MEET LAST NIGHT

Lack of Quorum Prevents Meeting to Receive Official Election Returns.

The special meeting of the city council was called off last night owing to the lack of a quorum of members. The meeting had been called by Mayor Hirsch for the specific purpose of receiving the official report of the council committee on the returns of the primary election. Only four members were present, one less than required by law to constitute a quorum.

The failure of the council to meet last night will have no effect upon the official result of the election. The law under which the commission for municipal government was enacted by the State Legislature, requires only that the city clerk and a committee of the city council approve the returns of the election judges, in order to make the result stand as official.

A transcript of the testimony given yesterday together with a recommendation of the State Public Service Commission will be forwarded to Director General McAdoo.